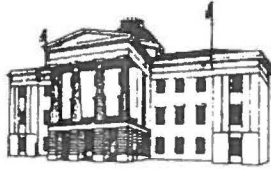


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 127

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF DISASTER FOR THE TOWN OF MURPHY

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Emergency Management Act, Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes authorizes the issuance of a proclamation declaring an area to be a disaster area as defined in N.C.G.S. § 166A-6 and categorizing the disaster as a Type I, Type II or Type III disaster; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2012, the Town of Murphy, Cherokee County, North Carolina was impacted by severe weather, including severe thunderstorms, high winds, and tornadoes; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the damage from the severe weather and tornadoes, the Town of Murphy declared a local state of emergency on March 3, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a joint preliminary damage assessment was done by local, state and federal emergency management officials on March 5, 2012; and

WHEREAS, I have determined that a State of Disaster, as defined in N.C.G.S. §166A-6, exists in the State of North Carolina, specifically in the Town of Murphy; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 166A-6, the criteria for a Type I disaster are met if: (1) the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety has provided a preliminary damage assessment to the Governor and the General Assembly; (2) the Town of Murphy and Cherokee County have declared a local state of emergency pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 166A-8; (3) the preliminary damage assessment has met or exceeded the State infrastructure criteria set out in N.C.G.S. § 166A-6.01(b)(2); and (4) a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States pursuant to the Stafford Act has not been declared; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 166A-6.01, if a State of Disaster is proclaimed, the Governor may make State funds available for disaster assistance in the form of individual assistance and public assistance for recovery from those disasters for which federal assistance under the Stafford Act is either not available or does not adequately meet the needs of the citizens of the State in the disaster area.